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ORGANIZING THE TEACHERS

To Chicago goes the palm for organizing the American Federation of Teachers, to which a charter has just been granted as an affiliated body of the American Federation of Labor, but to Washington belongs the honor of being the first Eastern city where teachers have applied for a charter as a "local" union.

The movement to unionize teachers is more significant than a mere effort to further their own welfare. That is laudable enough. Salaries will be better, and pensions will be get well organized.

Unfortunately there is still a type of school teacher who talks about "teaching as a profession" and about the "lack of dignity of belonging to these have tried to obstruct the movement here. It is that attitude. though, which in every city makes the organization of teachers a salutary thing for school children.

For many of the children are from families of union men. Their fathers belong to unions and are proud of it. For them to go to school to teachers who decline to be associated with the ranks of labor, and hold labor undignified, is to cultivate a view which is highly disastrous to the

There is a growing suspicion that the attitude of school children in ignoring the trades, is due to mis- get past the Senate's rule of conception and false standards reflected by school teachers. Teachers who hold labor to be undignified are the sort who push all pupils through the hopper of the lily-handed "professions.

It is creditable to Washington high school teachers, in a city where the ranks of labor are not strong, that they should grasp this view. The teachers will be the better for association with a movement which represents, even though imperfectly, the American working man; and the pupils will get a little closer to the real world of men and work and affairs through their teachers' broadened understanding.

THE ANCIENT SAILING SHIPS

A Copenhagen dispatch tells that two ancient sailing ships, the Marie, of Marstal, have been fitted out and commissioned for merchant service by their Scandinavian owners. For many decades they had lain idle; but a newspaper made it read "Galthe present high rates and shortage of bottoms made it a good venture to outfit and return them to business.

The longevity of the old oaken sailers that carried the world's trade paign, which Mr. Gallinger regarded before the days of iron craft and as especially offensive. It may only steam, power is a never-ending be observed that these speeches, marvel. Every little time there is which were introduced in the Senatied up to some of the docks on the torial investigation, and of which a Washington water front a vessel typical one is in the Record, were they are merely the sort of which that dates back near a century. A year ago or thereabouts one was sold with a record of practically continuous service for a round hundred judge him by it. In fact, these ut- of birds, it seems pretty well deter-

Nobody knows, as yet, what may be the life of a steel ship, properly or appeal to prejudice, but a fair pepper, crushed rock and the like, cared for; but it is very sure that the statement of honest differences of with plenty of water, is what makes wooden vessel can be kept in service longer. Wood, of the right kinds, has an almost unbelievable capacity to resist the disintegrating elements. There are floors of old colonial houses scattered all over the Eastern parts of this country that, after 100 and 150 and even 200 years are in far better condition than they would be if they had been of vitrified brick or the best marble, and subjected to ally to dictate Presidential appointthe same use for a like period.

a century and a half old and putting protest and insist on this precedent. her in commission is testimony to the serious shortage of ships all over and a rule that will injure the Senthe world. It is felt everywhere; no ate far more than it will harm either country has been able to escape the the President or the man who is inconvenience and expense of the conditions that prevail today. When the war is over and normal conditions return-normal, by the way, must not be supposed to mean the same conditions that prevailed before the war, for those will never be known again by this old world-the restoration of shipping will be one of the great tasks demanding attention. America ought to make itself permanently one of the great shipbuilding countries. It has the materials, the labor, the capital; and for a long time to come the disparity in costs is likely to be compensated of our foreign commerce as recently by the fact that the world will be in as the belated Government reports pressing need for tonnage even at permit.

fancy prices. Should the war go on for two years more, the exhaustion of ship- fell some \$20,000,000 from the correping resources will be a chief calamity; for the sort of service in which so many merchantmen are now en- food animals went off nearly angaged, as naval auxiliaries, trans- other \$13,000,000, and foodstuffe-

ports, and the like, is far more de- partly or wholly manufactured more structive than ordinary work, even aside from the extraordinary war

THE REJECTION OF MR. RUBLEE

If George Rublee was "personally obnoxious" to a single Senator, to such an extent that a majority of the Senate was bound in courtesy to vote against his confirmation as a member of the Federal Trade Commission, then almost any nomination of a man who had been in active politics would be rejected under the same rule.

Mr. Rublee was named for the Trade Commission from New Hampshire. There has never been question as to his general qualifications. But the senior Senator from that State, Mr. Gallinger, declared that the appointment was "personally obnoxious" to him. Mr. Gallinger is Republican; Mr. Rublee a Progressive.

Five reasons were assigned by Senator Gallinger. First, that Mr. Rubles, though pretending to be a Progressive, had been campaign manager for Mr. Gallinger's Demosooner forthcoming, we venture to cratic opponent in the Senatorial predict, when the country's teachers fight. There were two weaknesses about this charge. First, the committee investigation showed that there was no ground whatever for it tails of the March figures. in fact. Second, if it had been true it could not reasonably have been a labor unions." Fortunately none of ground for opposition. If the man from \$59,033,078 in March, 1915, to who takes an active part in politics \$98,266,668 in March, 1916. We lost is to be barred from office, there will be a painful dearth of eligibles for

Second, Mr. Gallinger charged that Mr. Rublee wrote certain editorials in a New Hampshire paper attacking Mr. Gallinger. This was weak at two points. First, it was positively proved that Mr. Rublee did not write or know anything whatever about the articles. Second the articles were not of offensive tone or character. They were of such quality that, if they constituted mortal offense, then no man writing scorning work with the hands, in on political topics could ever hope to courtesy.

Third, it was charged that Mr. Rublee was an active member of the "Fair Trade League" and conducted an active fight against Mr. Gallinger through it, on the ground that Galinger had opposed a bill the league wanted passed. There were two weaknesses here, again. First, Mr. Gallinger was proved to be mistaken n his facts; and second, if the facts had been as he understood, they could not possibly have constituted industrial and commercial invasion a justification for rejection of the ap- which must come hot upon the heels pointment. They would not have of peace.

been to Mr. Rublee's discredit. Fourth, Mr. Gallinger had heard that Mr. Rublee was credited with being "the man chiefly responsible for putting the rollers under Gallinger." As a matter of fact, that observation was intended as a compliment to Mr. Rublee for his work linger case. * * * "putting the rollers under Ballinger" was the real observation; a typographical error in linger," and this made Mr. Rublee

more "obnoxious!" Fifth, Mr. Rublee made speeches against Gallinger in the last cammoderate and courteous. Gallinger's it is alleged that fine feathers make record was discussed fairly and can- fine birds. The feathers don't grow didly, and the voters were asked to on 'em. Concerning the other sort terances appear to have been of a mined, by a recent investigation, very high tone, without demagoguery that a diet of cement, small gravel,

opinion. Yet in the face of this showinga showing that completely refuted why, its craw can be jammed full of the Gallinger charges at every point on which they were made specific-Mr. Rublee's nomination has been rejected by the Senate.

The action suggests that the Senate is making a new rule, under which in future it will be able literments. Any man will hereafter be Dragging out a sailing ship almost liable to rejection if a Senator shall

It is a dangerous rule to lay down; made its victim.

NORMAL EXPORTS DRYING UP WHILE IMPORTS GROW

point where its future aspects are revealed in clear and startling colors. Our general exports, comparatively speaking, are drying up. We are making our prodigious foreign sales, and gathering therefrom our fabu-

lous profits, chiefly in war supplies. This truth is as plain as a pikestaff when you examine the details

In March our exports of crude materials for use in manufacturing | sponding month of the previous year. Foodstuffs in crude condition and

than \$3,000,000.

But when it came to the things that smacked of war we had an increase of nearly \$31,000,000 in manufactures for further use in manufacturing. Then in manufactures ready for consumption—powder all ready to explode, shells and shrapnel all ready to be shot out of the guns, other tools, implements, and equipment for battle all ready to be used upon receipt-there was a gain of some \$121,000,000-from \$80,708,518 in March, 1915, to \$201,978,378 in March, 1916.

There is nobody who imagines that this war business is going to last one bit longer than the war itself lasts. There is nobody who ought not to be able to realize that our war exports can and will collapse before the war itself ends; for the belligerents are now buying many weeks and even months ahead of their needs. When they see the final end, even in the far distance, they will know that it is safe to slow down with their war buying in our markets, winding up the business with the supplies of their own markets and of their stores in re-

But take the other side of the story-our imports-and see what that spells. Look again into the de-

Of crude materials for use manufacturing our imports increased a trifle of some two and a half millions in imports of foodstuffs in crude condition and food animalssomething we could well afford to take if it came our way. But imports of manufactures for further use in manufacturing increased more than \$15,000,000, and manufactures ready for consumption about \$3,000,-000, with a total gain in importsdespite no increase in manufactured foodstuffs and that loss in foodstuffs and food animals in crude condition -of more than \$57,600,000, the exact increase being from \$157,982,016 in March, 1915, to \$213,589,785 in March, 1916.

Think what our imports will be when those countries are pouring into our markets by the millions and the tens of millions the goods which they cannot now send us because of

their engrossed attention to the war! Think of all that coming on top of what we are taking now, taking it in such volume as we never took before the war or at any other time!

Then ask yourself whether this country needs to prepare against the

CEMENT DIET FOR CHICKENS

The alleged "Poultry trust" of New York city is charged with systematically feeding pepper and salt sumed to be to the feathered chickens; the Broadway sort take theirs, as a rule, in the form of lobster; and the Broadway lobsters, again, are of two classes, the cretaceous and the biped. The whole subject, in short, is pretty much mixed. It needs a thorough knowledge of metropolitan terminology and business methods to be certain what is under discussion.

As to the feathered chickens, they may be found on Broadway, too; but the fine bird. If the chicken doesn't est freely enough of the rock diet, the stuff by a dexterous operator, and when the beast is weighed up the buyer pays for a pound or two that isn't altogether palatable to the family that ultimately pays a fancy price for it.

The honest farmer that shovels few hundredweight of sand into his load of hay before hauling it to market, or who conceals a boulder in the jag, is thoroughly familiar. So s the rugged ruralite who never forgets to salt his stock and then water t freely just before putting it over the scales for sale. But these are simple-minded and inexpert compared to the Poultry trust artists who are charged with developing a system under which a Plymouth Rock biddy will eat half her weight Our foreign trade is getting to the in Portland cement flavored with. black pepper, and then take on a

metropolitan cafe with fiscal terror! The authorities are going to conduct experiments to determine just the effects of such a regimen on the associated with his father in the Knox the effects of such a regimen on the chickens. For our own part, we suspect that a good many of the fowls simply digest the rocks. A certain substance and solidity about the meat when it gets served suggests the plausibility of this explanation. Under the pure food legend of "let the label tell" they merely need to have the designation on the menu changed, and be served as Portland

Poli Players Present 'Back Home' Diversitied Bill Seen at Keith's

Play Based on Irvin Cobb's Judge Priest Stories Produced at Poli's This Week.

A. H. VAN BUREN IN LEAD

Premiere of Rural Comedy Well by First-Night Patrons of Stock Company.

"Back Home" was presented by the Poll Players last night, and a satisfied audience filed out after three hours of pure enjoyment.

There are moments of tragic import, but they are only to make more pun gent the humor and charm of Bayard Veiller's dramatization of the "Judge Priest" stories of Irvin S. Cebb. "Back Home" as a title doesn't mean

then its significance, so carefully hidden through the three acts, comes to A. H. Van Buren as the elderly Judge Priest and Harold Kennedy as his darkey servant with a "penchant for sartorial embellishment." are the constant centers around which the plot

nuch until the climax is reached, and

LOEW'S COLUMBIA.

States— the real feudal barons who still live in the mountains of the Southern States-provide the plot for the to chickens in order to make them "The Feud Girl." in which the Paradrink so much water that when they mount-Famous Players Company preare weighed they will get into the sent Hazel Dawn for the first part of

this week at Loew's Columbia Theater.

Most of the scenes for "The Feud Girl" were made in Georgia and Alabama, in the heart of the country, where feuds were supposed to flourish and probably still flourish. The story tells of the life of a girl and a boy belonging to families that were at odds with one another. The two families and their connections owned a mountain which was very valuable for its mineral wealth, but which was so divided up between the two factions that its wealth could not be developed as long as the feud held. The boyson of one of the families—disappeared as a child; He turns up again in a very startling way, and paves the way to end the feud.

The film is interesting because it is the first time Miss Dawn has been in a part that does not give her the but-side aides of up-to-date settings and costuming. She is a barefoot mountain girl who runs over the hills and valleys in a very much disheveled condition. She does well with the role. Irving Cummings plays the part of the

Cummings plays the part of the

A Drew-Metro comedy and Burton Holmes pictures of the mountain coun-try and Igorous of the Philippines concludes the program.

FUNERAL RITES FOR CAPITAL RESIDENTS

Hours and Places of Service Arranged by Bereaved Families.

Harry D. Nash.

Funeral services for Harry D. Nash, who died Sunday at his residence, 517 M street southwest, will be held tomorrow at 3 o'clock at St. Dominic's Church, where requiem mass, will be celebrated. Interment will be made in Congressional

Mrs. George Vandercook. Private funeral services for Mrs. George Vandercook, who died Sunday in the seventy-third year of her age, will be held at her late residence, 919 L street northwest, tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Rock o'clock. Interme Creek Cemetery.

Funeral Services Held For William S. Knox

Funeral services for William S. Knox. who died Saturday in Atlantic City. aged fifty-four years, were held today at salad course of Joplin gravel and his late residence, 1804 New Hampshire wash it all down with half a pint of water. No wonder the order of "broiled spring" or "fry a half" is calculated to inspire the patron of a method water with fiscal terror! the Knights Templar.

associated with his latter in the Knox Express Company for many years. He was an organizer and first president of the Business Men's Association and a director of the Metropolitan Citizens' a director of the Metropolitan Citizens'
Bank.

He was a member of the Board of
Trade. and was identified with many
fraternal and social organizations,
being past master of Federal Lodge,
No. 1. F. A. A. M.; Columbia Chapter,
Washington Commandery and Almas
Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; a member
of the Society of Celonial Wars, the
University Club and Sons of the Amertean Revolution. NATIONAL.

The record for continuous perform ington has been broken by the Griffith spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," which began its fifth week at the New National Theater yesterday. Apparently there is no diminution of interest if MARY SHAW A HEADLINER the size of the audiences which attended the two performances can be any

measure.

The film spectacle seems to have unusual capacity for making people return to see it again and again. The big theme of the play and the mass of incident that go to make it up seem almost impossible to grasp at the first sitting, and persons who have seen it once return again to watch for and note particularly scenes that impressed them in the first performance, but which the rapid change of scene and incident made impossible to watch closely.

It is understood that the run of "The Birth of a Nation" will close on Saturday night, closing the season of the National Theater.

LYCEUM.

Matt Kolb has staged another good show for the Lyceum Stock Company week. A number of new faces, new scenic effects, and costumes have, been added. The chorus is lively and dull moments are scarce throughout the

dull moments are scarce throughout the performance.

Matt Kolb and Harry Rogers furnish a wealth of comedy in their search for an heiress at "Egyptian Springs," and acore another hit at "The Union Depot." The comedy is frequently interrupted by lively musical numbers, all of which called for numerous encores.

"Ora-Ental" gave a clever finish to the show. Her dance was given loud applause.

constant centers around which the plot revolves.

Master Sam Iden Thompson as little Buddy, the injured child millworker, gives promise of budding capabilities. Miss Maude Gilbert ag Saily Priest, and Eugene Desmond as Cassius Nash, the Kentucky Commonwealth's attorney, ambitious and aggressive, gave convincing impersonations.

Robert Carter comes to a Kentucky mill town to expose its child labor horrors. The town builty kicks a child to hurry him to work. Carter interferes, fights the ruffian, and with a blow over the heart, kills him. He is arrested, at the instance of the mill owner, bailed at the pleading of Judge Priest's daughter, who pledges her entire property for his bond. He is made a guest of the chivairous and kindiy judge.

The value of a photoplay for its setting, even beyond its story telling possibilities. is demonstrated in the production and as a stepping stone to the judgeship, presses the case to trief. A mob threatens lynching. The great lidea comes to the judge. He spirits the visitor away temporarily, secures a jury of Confederate veterans, has him-

A mob threatens lynching. The great idea comes to the judge. He spirits the visitor away temporarily, secures a jury of Confederate veterans, has himself removed from the bench for partisanship, and his old comrade installed in his place, himself takes the stand and "rambles" through reminiscences to the jury, arouses their partisanship, shows his Confederate comrades in the jury that Carter, a grandson of a fettitous Scuthern grandfather, has come "back home" to be tried.

With the circus band outside playing "Dixie," the jury quickly finds an acquittal, while the convention upstairs renominates the judge in a swift, compelling climax. Interwoven is the love story of Carter and Sally Priest, charming and wholesome.

There's a little more to the story, but it comes with a feeling of anti-climax, and only those patient enough heard the final comedy touch when Jeft, toid that the may have the vest he has long coveted, throws open his coat and proudly announces that he has brought it with him.

LOEW'S COLUMBIA.

Had there been ho rea-blooded story of the Rex Beach type, this photoplay would still have commanded attention for the very thorough way in which the Panama canal plant is shown. And yet the pictures that are descriptive of the canal and make the deepeat impression of the canal work pure and simple, are really incidental to the film story itself.

The film is shown here under the auspices of the V. L. S. E. Company, and is one of the few spectacular feature productions that have been distributed by a regular feature agency. Practically all of the scenes were made on the canal is like and how it was built.

Kathlyn Williams and Wheeler Oakman, of the Selig Company, have the principal characters in the production. "The Ne'er Do Well" will be seen again tomorrow and Thursday. De wolf Hopper will be seen on Friday and Saturday in "Sunshine Dad," a Triangle production.

COMING EVENTS ON CAPITAL'S PROGRAM

Today's Amusements - Schedule for Tomorrow.

gress of Mothers, Raleigh, 2 p. m. Meeting, Petworth Citizens' Association, Pet-worth M. E. Church, Eighth and Shepherd streets northwest, 8 p. m. deeting. Central Northwest Citizens' Association, Garnett School, \$ p. m. leeting, Columbia Historical Society, Shore ham, 8:15 p. m. Convention, American Association of Mu-seums, New Willard, today. Convention. Association of Importers and Distributers of Leaf Tobacco, New Will

Distributers of Leaf Tobacco, New Willard, today.

Meeting, secretaries of state and provisional
boards of health, New Willard, today.

Motion pictures, "Britain Prepared," under
the auspices of the National Press Club,
Belasco, 815 p. m.

Address, "The Armenian People," former
Ambessador Henry Morganthau, Rauscher's, 4:39 p. m.

Meeting, Anthony League, 2007 Columbia
road, 8 p. m.

Entertainment, "Because She Loved Him
So," Home Club Players, at Home Club, t, "Because She Loved Hin Club Players, at Home Club Demonstration, return of suffrage envoys, east steps of the Capitol, 5 p. m. decling, Federal Watchman's Union, usual place, 8 p. m.

east steps of the Capitol, 9, p. m.

Meeting, Federai Watchman's Union, usual place, 8 p. m.

Dance, George Washington University Architectural Club, Potomac Boat Club, 8 p. m., Annual convention, Christian churches of Maryland, Delaware, and the District, Mt. Rainier, today.

Meeting, High School Teachers' Union, Central High School, 3:15 p. m.

Meeting of the Florida Society, Logan Hotel, Iowa Circle, 8 p. m.

Masonic-National, No. 12, F. C.; Arminius, No. 25, Myron M. Parker, No. 27, E. A.; Lebanon, No. 7, E. A.; Lebanon, No. 7, E. A.; La Fayette, No. 5, R. A.; Mithras Lodge of Perfection.

Eastern Star-Mispah, No. 37; Washington, No. 6; Golden Ruie, No. 21, and Mount Pleasant, No. 28.

Rebekah Lodge-Fidelity, No. 7, Knights of Fythlas-Webster, No. 7; Excelsior, No. 14; Capital, No. 34, and Myrtie, No. 25.

National Union-State, War and Navy Council, Pythlan Temple.

Dance, benefit of the Ippolite fund, Regina Elena Italian Pleasaure Club, Northeast Masonic Temple, 8 p. m.

May carnival, with operatta, "The Land of Spirita," pupils of Miss Madolin Smithson, ballroom, New Willard, 8 p. m.

Minal Meeting, District Congress of Methers, Raleigh, 2 p. m.

Sunday School Institute, board of religious education, Epiphany Parish Hall, 1317 G street northwest, 8 p. m.

Amusements.

New National—"The Birth of a Nation," 2:1 and 8:15 p. m. Poli's—"Back Home," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Keiths—Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Loew's Columbia—Photo plays, 10 a. m. to Gayety-Photoplays, 11 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Tomorrow.

Annual convenience of the conven St. Stephen hall, Fourteenth street hall, Fourteenth street hall, Fourteenth street hall service Retrement Association, New Ebbitt, S.p. m. Musical recital, Cory-Wilbur Trio, Home Club, S.18 p. m.

Meeting—Woodmen of the World, Northeast Meeting—Woodmen of the World, Northeast M. Club. 8:15 p. m.
Meeting-Woodmen of the World, Northeast
Temple. 8 p. m.
Masonic-Washington Centennial, No. 14. F.
C.; Ostris, No. 28. E. A.; East Gate, No. 34.
M. M.; Royal Arch chapters. Columbia, No.
1, and Brightwood, No. 8.
Eastern Star-Areme, No. 10.
Odd Fallows-Eastern, No. 7; Friendship, No.
12; Federal City, No. 20, and Harmony, No.
9; Mount Nebo, No. 6, Encampment.
Knights of Pythias-Equal, No. 17; Mount
Vernon, No. 6.
Pythian Sisters-Friendship Temple, No. 8.
National Union-Treasury Council, G. A.
R. Hall; Postoffice Department Council,
Flynn's Hall; Congressional Council, Typographic Temple and Mount Vernon Council, Pythian Tample.
Musical, Home Club, 8:15 p. m.

Clever One-Act Drama, Comedy Skit, and Plenty of Music at Vaudeville Theater.

Ralph Smalley, Formerly With **Boston Symphony, Delights** With 'Cello Solos.

The bill at Keith's this week is one admirably suited for the summer seaon, with several old favorites appearing in new offerings and several entirely

In the dramatic line, appears Florence Nash and company in a sketch by Willard Mack, in which crook outwits crook. It is entitled "Pansy's Particular Punch." and with Miss Nash as Pansy, a waitress, it has a real punch

ort the club. He was leenin aginst a post, smoking a segereet. I askt him who he be, as I was looking fer my boy, and he segerance under direction of. Arthur Hopkins, in "The Dickey Bird." a playlet filled with bright lines and presented by a capable cast of players.

Jack Wilson, whose main forte consists in making fun of the acts that have preceded him on the program, returns in "an impromptu revue," and with rapid-fire humor keeps his audience convulsed. Mr. Wilson is given excellent support in his offering by the excellent singing of Lillian Boardman and Frank Hurst.

One of the artistic numbers on the bill is the 'ceile offering of Raibh Smalley, formerly a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Belle Haker offers a new series of songs, with several of her old ones added.

An offering of interest is that of Jasper, the dog actor, who made a hit in his "Young America" appearance, Adelaide Herrmann, in an offering of the mysteries of which her late husband was a past master, prosents a number of illusions in a manner that proves them most baffling, among them being "A Dream in Midair." Beeman and Anderson have a roller skating act in which they feature tango dancing, with plenty of comedy added.

The Pathe weekly news, in pictures, contains the usual list of interesting views of the war zones of Europe and also "somewhere in Mexico."

GARDEN.

The jungles of Africa, the New York suburbs, and the environs of Paris are suburbs.

Arter didn't look it, but I took its word id

The jungles of Africa, the New York suburbs, and the environs of Paris are the settings for "A Million a Minute." the newest of the Metro photoplays starring Francis Bushman, which form the foreweek feature of the Garden Theater program this week. It was not until reeled that the significance of the title was apparent. The young hero had just ten minutes to get married and qualify for an interitance of \$10,000,000. purposely delayed the marriage so that the girl would get the money. The story is the sort of a story that the friends of Mr. Bushman and of Miss Bayne like to see them work out in

Bayne like to see them work out in photoplays.

Tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday Billie Burke will be presented in "Caught By the Seminoles," the second installment of "Gloria's Romance," the new Kleine film starring Miss Burke. As a special attraction on Thursday and Friday, Virginia Pearson will be presented in the V. L. S. E. feature, "The Vital Question." On Saturday, Harold Lockwood and May Allison will be seen in the Metro production. "The Comeback."

the Metro production, "The Comebac TAKOMA PARK ASKS FOR NEW SCHOOL

Lecture Hall for Community Meetings to Be Urged.

Takoma Park needs a new eight-room chool building with a lecture hall for community meetings, concerts, motion picture exhibitions, and lectures accordns to the view expressed before the Takoma Park Citizens' Association last

night.

A committee was appointed to present the matter to the District Commissioners and Board of Education, with instructions to wait until the present District bill had been passed by Congress. The installation of paper towels and liquid soap in the Takoma School by the association in case the Board of Education declines to provide such conveniences, was urged by Mrs. W. A. Orton. The school committee was directed to take the matter up with the Board of Education.

A statement was read from H. H. Smith, director of the Bureau of Fisheries, refuting statements as to the quantity and quality of Potomac shad. Director Smith stated that there was more shad than ever before and that it was of excellent quality.

TRAIN SPACING IS CRITICISED BY I. C. C.

Safety Division Reports Recommend Block Signals.

Inadequacy of the time-interval system of spacing trains that travel in two or more sections was emphasized today in a report of Chief Belnap, of the interstate Commerce Division of Safety, on a collision between two Northern Pacific passenger trains at South Chaney, Wash., February 20, which resulted in the death of five passengers and five empassengers and five empassengers. seventeen passengers and five em-

to seventeen passengers and nive employes.

"Under the present system of spacing trains two trains going in the same direction are spaced ten minutes apart. While this system of operation may afford protection in the vicinity of stations, the long distance between stations, especially at night, makes it possible for a train traveling at a high rate of speed to overlake a train traveling slowly," the report said, "and makes advisable the adoption of block signals that will provide a space interval rather than a time interval between trains."

Loved Him So," which was presented by them at the Immaculate Conception auditorium last night.

The play, produced in a style unusual for a local erganization, was under the direction of George H. Palmer, or the direction of George H. Palmer, or the lawful holder of the lawful holder of the lawful holder of the lawful holder of the grant or concession, the possessory State title of the mortgager would fall and likewise the interest of the mortgager. Worrell, Miss Margaret Lancaster, Miss Ida Faxton, Sam H. Moyer, Balt McCarthy, Albert H. Winter, Mrs. Ballard, Miss Mary Tyson, John McKenns, and Mr. Palmer,

Washington, May 14.

Communications to the Mail Bag must be written on one side of the paper only; must not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed with name and address of sender. The publication of letters in The Times Mail Bag does not mean the indersement by The Times of the opinions of the writer. The Mail Bag is an open forum, where the citi-zens of Washington can argue most

Polysyllabic?

to the Editor of THE TIMES Before criticising the last note which Mr. Wilson penned to Germany, the coionel should have reflected that a pen ultimatum is never intended to be final. Washington, May 12. E. M. S.

Drivin' These Days Ain't What It Used To Be. They's a Lot Of Difference Between a Bay Geldin and a Rubber Ball.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: My boy has bin cummin home late and allus has frum 25c ter a dollar on him I askt him tother day what it ment an he says that he has bin over ter the golluf club. He tells me grate stories about how the men thar kin drive, so larst Sunday I strolled over ter see sum of the fun, being sumwhat of a lover of

I met a feller at a little house just orf the club. He was leenin aginst a post, smoking a segerreet. I askt him

hits it agin with a grubbin hoe, and she sales away agin.

Arter doin this fer quite a lime, he gits it on the putterin green, as they call it, an arter watchin him putter round fer ten minits trying ter knock the ball inter a leetle hole, I lerned why they called it the putterin green. Eighteen times we did this same thing, at eighteen different places an on eighteen different putterin greens.

ifferent putterin greens.
When we got back ter the club house When we got back ter the club house Mr. Man figgered out he'd walkt five miles an swung his hoes one hundred and fifteen times, an he says that he feels a leetle bit dun up. He gives my boy fifty cents, an walks inter the club ter bat sevrel high balls. I hope he is a better batter inside then outside, fer as a driver, I woodn't let him drive a pare of hogs fer me.

Hopin yer be the same,

SI SKIGGINS.

Four Corners, P. O., May 13.

Cites Early Cases of Fighting To

In an editorial in The Times of May any cause from I. W. W. to birth control," and then desert the cause "when

the public concern is elsewhere." Birth control figured in the trial of Abner Kneeland, editor of the Boston Investigator, more than eighty years ago. The Englishman, Charles Bradlaugh, fought for the power to enforce the right of disseminating information concerning birth control. Can Kneeland or Bradlaugh be justly accused ever having been known to desert the advocacy of birth control, when the public conscience was elsewhere.

Years ago the writer heard a popular physician delivering a course of medical lectures beg his hearers to see to it that the law be changed so that medical practioners might give the necessary information to the poor—the same information which they sold, for a price, to their wealthy patrons. Employers of cheap labor and men who profit by war are the ones who profit by an over-supply of human beings.

Neither Margaret Sanger nor Emma Goldman are hiding their knowledge nor deserting the cause. Not all are so situated that they can afford to go to jali in the furtherance of this reform, but each can help these modern martyrs who are trying to abate an evil and unjust, law.

ELIZABETH QUIGLEY.

Washington, May 13. having been known to desert the ad-

Wants To Know About Land Titles In Texas.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: I am a farmer and owner of land in the State of Texas, being located in the Rio Grande valley, and have taken considerable interest in the rural credits bill. I believe it is a good measure and will be beneficial to the country as a

I am anxious to know whether the Senate considered the question of titles to lands which have as yet not been surveyed and patented by the Government. It is the purpose of the bill to

ment. It is the purpose of the bill to enable persons to invest in farm morty gages as a sound investment, by eliminating defective titles of the mortgagor, the improvidence of the farmer, and unproductiveness of the soil.

In its scope the bill is broad with respect to the examination of titles to lands by men qualified in their line of duty, but, as to the State of Texas, it has occurred to me that possibly some confusion may follow when mortgages are taken up for approval in that State. No survey has ever been made by the Federal Government separating the appropriated from the vacant and unappropriated lands in the State of Texas. By the act of annexation, the appropri-By the act of annexation, the appropri-ated lands were reserved to the United States, and the vacant and unappro-priated passed to the State of Texas. Home Club Players to
Repeat Performance

The Home Club Players will repeat tonight the production "Because She Loved Him So." which was presented by them at the Immaculate Conception suddiction because Interval and the Immaculate Conception at the Immaculate Conception and the Immaculate Conception are th